

ABSTRACT

[0040] A track member through which a variety of ladder types may be selectively attached to a deck of a watercraft. The track member is characterized by a housing having a bore that extends from a first end to a second end, a linear slot that extends from the first end to the second end along a first vertical plane with respect to the bore and first and second vertical slots spaced from the first end. A radial projection extends from the axis of the bore in a plane perpendicular to and 180° from the first and second vertical slots. An axial groove located in the bore adjacent the radial projection extends from the first end to the second end has a plurality of radial openings located at intervals between the first end and second end of the housing with a first opening located a first distance from the first vertical slot and a second opening located an equal distance from the second vertical slot. The housing has a first leg that extends from a first tangent of the bore and a second leg that extends from a second tangent of the bore such that the first leg is parallel with the second leg and a first lip located in the first leg and a second lip located on the second leg are located in a second vertical plane with a base of the radial projection. The first and second lips and the base to correspondingly define second and third linear slots that extends from the first end to the second end. The plurality of openings selectively receive bolts of a first bolt arrangement with each bolt having a head that is held by the axial groove in the bore, a shaft that extends through the radial projection into said deck and a nut that is secured to the shaft to urge the first and second lips and base on the radial projection into engagement with the deck and fix the track member to the deck. Alternatively, either the second linear slot or third linear slot selectively receive bolts of a second bolt arrangement with each bolt having a head that is held by engagement with the first leg and radial projection or the second leg and radial projection while a shaft extends into the deck and a nut is secured to the shaft to urge the first and second lips and base of the radial projection into engagement with the deck to fix the track member to the deck.